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On February 9, 2012, HHS released the final rule concerning the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC). To view the template for the Summary of Benefits and Coverage and the glossary, click [here](#).

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On February 9, 2012, the Congressional Research Service released *Health Insurance Coverage of Children, 2010*, a report on estimates of health insurance coverage of children under the age 19 in the US. To view the report click [here](#).

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Guidance and Other Federal Communications

On February 3, 2012, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a final rule on "Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans Part I." CMS released proposed rules related to the establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans in July 2011. OMB review is one of the final steps before publication.

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HHS released a report of February 15, 2012, reporting that the ACA expanded preventive services to an estimated 54 million Americans in 2011. The press release is located [here](#). The report is located [here](#).

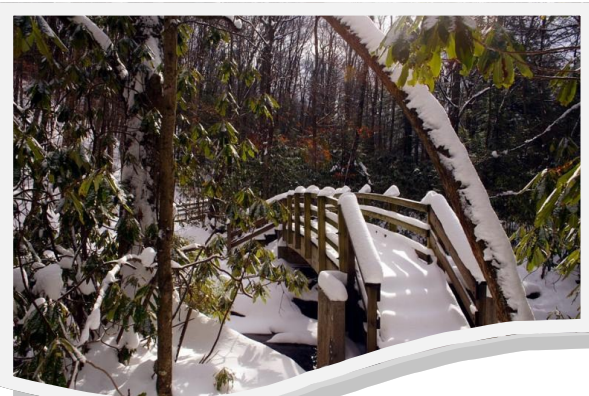
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On February 17, 2012, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document on the Essential Health Benefits (EHB). The FAQ on the EHB bulletin is located [here](#).

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On February 22, 2012, Steve Larsen, director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) at HHS, announced plans to extend the period in which states can apply for establishment grants through the 2014 calendar year. The press release is located [here](#).

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Grant Announcements and Other Funding

[HHS Awards 10 States with Exchange Establishment Grants](#)

Arkansas	\$7.7 million (First grant)	Kentucky	\$57.9 million (Second grant, \$65.6 million total)
Colorado	\$18 million (First grant)	Minnesota	\$26.1 million (Second grant, \$30.3 million total)
Massachusetts	\$11.6 million (First grant)	Nevada	\$15.3 million (Second grant, \$19.3 million total)
New Jersey	\$7.7 million (First grant)	New York	\$48.5 million (Second grant, \$59.3 million total)
Pennsylvania	\$33.8 million (First grant)	Tennessee	\$2.2 million (Second grant, \$3.8 million total)

Exchange Activity In Other States

Arkansas issued an RFP on February 13, 2012, seeking a qualified vendor to assist in creating the Navigator Program. The RFP can be found [here](#).

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Arizona released an RFP during the week of February 6, by the Governor's Office of Health Insurance Exchange for IT integration services. The RFP is located [here](#).

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The **California** Health Benefit Exchange announced on February 8, 2012, that the HBEX3 RFP had been awarded to Miller and Nelson of Sacramento, CA. The RFP was to seek assistance with recruitment of executive level positions. The announcement can be found [here](#).

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Indiana's Dept. of Administration issued a RFI in providing a Health Insurance Exchange IT solution on February 2, 2012. The RFI is located [here](#).

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Maryland Exchange is conducting four Joint Application Design (JAD) sessions, beginning February 27, 2012 the announcement is located [here](#).

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Minnesota released their Health Insurance Exchange Finance Workgroup Draft Financing Options Table . To view the document click [here](#).

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New Hampshire released six ACA-focused RFPs during the first week of February. The RFPs were: Market Analysis Modeling; Analysis of NH Insurance Department Data; Stop Loss Carrier Regulations; NH Insurance Regulations; Analysis of NHCHIS; and Analysis of Comparative Data Systems. The RFPs can be found [here](#).

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New York held a Health Benefit Exchange stakeholder meeting on February 2, 2012. Presentations can be found [here](#). Additionally, the New York Health Benefit Exchange Planning Project held a stakeholder meeting on February 16, 2012, to discuss the Business Operations Blueprint. The presentation is located [here](#).

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The **New Mexico** Human Services Department (HSD) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) on February 3, 2012, to procure a consumer-oriented New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange eligibility, enrollment, shop and compare information technology system. The RFP summary is located [here](#).

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Additional information is
available on our web site:
www.bewv.com

Upcoming Calendar Meetings

Friday 9th Carrier	1:00 PM	Monday 19th Consumer	1:00 PM
Monday 12th Producer	1:00 PM	Tuesday 27th Providers	1:00 PM

Other Reference Materials, Notices and Related Information

The NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) began in January 2012 releasing a monthly HIX Bulletin. To share communications on Plan Management. The January issue is located [here](#). The February issue is located [here](#).

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On February 27, 2012, Kaiser Health News reported that insurers are opening retail stores to better serve clients. The article is located [here](#).

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The Commonwealth Fund reported on February 13, 2012, that care access is affected by income and not just coverage. To view the report click [here](#).

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On February 13, 2012, the California Healthline reported that they have moved from the Exchange planning stage to the action stage. To view the release click [here](#).

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The Washington Times reported on February 27, 2012, that most states are taking a “wait and see” approach before starting their Exchange implementation. The article is located [here](#).

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SERFF is a term you may or may not be familiar with. The use of SERFF, a web-based filing system, will allow for industry health filers to correctly report Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)-related filings to the states. Want to learn more about this tool? Click [here](#) to look at the SERFF site.



Reference Guide

Laws and Regulations:

HHS Rule: <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/other/index.html#sbcug>

Congressional Research Service Report: <http://www.kidswellcampaign.org/docs/other-resources/health-insurance-coverage-of-children-2010.pdf?Status=Master>
<http://www.kidswellcampaign.org/docs/other-resources/health-insurance-coverage-of-children-2010.pdf?Status=Master>

Guidance and Other Federal Communications:

HHS The press release: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/02/20120215a.html>

HHS report: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2012/PreventiveServices/ib.pdf>

The FAQ on EHB Bulletin: <http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/02172012/ehb-faq-508.pdf>

CCIIO press release: <http://www.governing.com/news/state/gov-hhs-awards-10-states-with-exchange-establishment-grants.html>

Grant Announcements and Other Funding:

HHS announcement: <http://www.governing.com/news/state/gov-hhs-awards-10-states-with-exchange-establishment-grants.html>

Exchange Activity in Other States

Arkansas: http://www.arkansas.gov/dfa/procurement/bids/get_document.php/popup?doc_id=8132&doc_type=PDF

California: <http://www.healthexchange.ca.gov/Documents/NOTIFICATION%20OF%20INTENT%20TO%20AWARD.pdf>

Indiana: <http://www.in.gov/idoa/proc/bids/rfi-12-83/83rfi.doc>

Maryland: <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/healthreform/exchange/SitePages/Committees.aspx>

Minnesota: <http://mn.gov/commerce/insurance/images/ExchFinanceOptionsMatrix.pdf>

New Hampshire: <http://www.nh.gov/insurance/aboutus/rfps/index.htm>

New Mexico: <http://www.kidswellcampaign.org/docs/other-resources/nm-hbe-rfp-one-pager-.doc?Status=Master>

New York: <http://www.healthcarereform.ny.gov/timeline/>

Oregon: https://orhix.org/uploads/2_9_12_complete_board_packet.pdf

Washington: <http://www.hca.wa.gov/hbe/documents/NavigatorRecommendations.pdf>

Other Reference Materials, Notices and Related Information:

NAIC January: http://www.serff.com/hix_bulletin_120126.htm

NAIC February: http://www.serff.com/hix_bulletin_120217.htm

Kaiser: <http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Features/Insuring-Your-Health/2012/Health-Insurance-Stores-022812-Michelle-Andrews.aspx>

The Commonwealth: <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Newsletters/Washington-Health-Policy-in-Review/2012/Feb/February-13-2012/Care-Access-Affected-by-Income.aspx>

California <http://www.californiahealthline.org/features/2012/health-reform-shifting-from-planning-stage-to-action-in-california.aspx>

The Washington Times http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/27/health/policy/a-wait-and-see-approach-for-states-on-insurance-exchanges.html?_r=2

SERFF: <http://www.serff.com/index.htm>